

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/17/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 24-26.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 September 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record is U.S. Publication NO. 2001/0018660 to Sehr.

Sehr disclose an electronic ticketing system and methods utilizing multi-service visitor cards. The system includes a seating map that displays a floor plan of a premise where an event is to occur, communicates with remote ticket or admission centers in real-time, manages the allocation and availability of seats for a particular event, and allows the visitor to select the seating arrangements. Once a selection is made, it is confirmed and loaded into the visitor card. Other data such as biometrics identification of cardholder, cryptographic certification of card data and database information can optionally be encoded into the card and can be verified and validated at various point-of service locations upon presentation of the card for admission and for other services. Sehr taken either individual or in combination with other prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a host computer programmed to compare the password associated with the second transaction with the password associated with the first transaction and update the stored first plurality of value card configuration settings with the received second plurality of value card configuration settings if the password associated with the second transaction matches the password associated with the first transaction as recited in independent claim 24.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."



Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- “An Overview of Smart Card Security” to Chan provides a brief introduction to smart cards.
- “Centrelink Smart Card Technical Issues Starter Kit Chapter 2” to Clarke discusses stored-value cards.
- U.S. Patent No. 6192436 to Jacobson et al. discloses a system and method for configuration of electronic devices using a smart card which having configuration data stored therein.
- International Publication No. WO 99/40548 to Peachman et al. discloses a secure multiple application card system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jalatee Worjloh whose telephone number is (571)272-6714. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Thursdays 8:30 - 7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on (571)272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306 for Regular/After Final Actions and (571)273-6714 for Non-Official/Draft.

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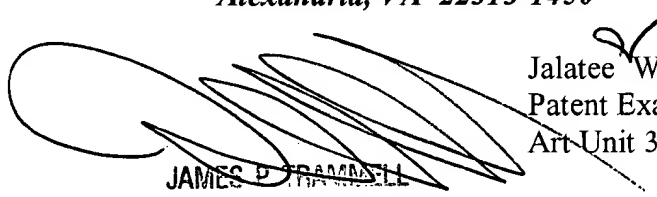
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